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TO: MR. T. J. RYAN - INDPLS.

OFFICE: St. Louis Park

FROM: Mr. H. L. Finch

DATE: November 12, 1969

SUBJECT: LOCAL ELECTION

Attached is a copy of a handbill put out by Mr. Howard V. George in his campaign for councilman-at-large. Mr. George ran against Mr. Leonard J. Thiel. Mr. Leonard Thiel was the mayor of St. Louis Park for the last term and evidently could not get support for mayor for this term and, therefore, ran for the councilman-at-large.

Mr. Frank J. Howard, former councilman-at-large, ran unopposed for the mayor of St. Louis Park.

The incumbent councilman for the 1st Ward was Mr. Richard Koch. Mr. Koch was beat out handily by Mr. Frank Fleetham for the councilman of the 1st Ward.

Mr. James R. Heltzer ran unopposed for the councilman of the 3rd Ward. Mr. Heltzer has been a councilman in the 3rd Ward for about nine years as I recall. He originally ran with Republican backing but about two years ago he had a falling out with the Republican party because he could not get support for mayor and now is a strong liberal.

The three councilman seats that were not up for election at this time was Richard R. Graves, Councilman-At-Large, Bob Reynolds, Councilman of the 2nd Ward and Murray Galinson, Councilman of the 4th Ward. The complete Council then consists of those elected this time, Mr. Leonard J. Thiel as a Councilman-At-Large, Mr. Frank A. Fleetham, Councilman of the 1st Ward and Mr. James R. Heltzer, Councilman of the 3rd Ward. Theoretically at least there are four conservative councilman and two liberals. The two liberals being Mr. James R. Heltzer and Mr. Murray L. Galinson.

Yours very truly,

  
H. L. Finch

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